## Training the Cantoniers

seems at last assured. In times past a number of raised in New York. One of the most pleasing feafactors have prevented the establishment of the tures was that over two million subscribers are resystem, even when it was generally recognized that ported to have taken part, which is double the num-Honolulu's roads were not getting the attention on ber attracted to the first loans of either Great everyday repairs which was necessary to "keep the Britain or Germany. Evidently there is no lack of little holes from getting bigger."

During the last year or so the municipal treasury tation to freely subscribe at the start was that the has been too scantily furnished to permit the estab mass of people in the United States did not then lishment of the cantoniering system. Now there are fu'ly appreciate the vital issues at stake. They have funds in sight, thanks to the big jump in tax valua- only slowly realized that back of all surface and tions as announced at the tax office, and both the minor issues stands one supreme fact: that the Bepublicans and Democrats on the board of super- struggle is preeminently to preserve democracy visors are pledged to the principle of this road- against autocracy; that the freedom won in 1776 repair system. Supervisor Petrie has already in- was gravely menaced, and that self-protection really troduced a resolution providing for the system and forced us into the contest; not to mention the dicthere is no reason why the entire board should not tates of humanity and our fundamental beliefs in speedily put the plan into operation, through the liberty and in advanced civilization. We have been engineering department.

Star-Bulletin from a practical road-builder. It is so confident of our safety, so satisfied with our own for, in many respects, we are alike and that the city establishing a training-school for can- progress and so pleased with war profits that supertoniers. Every man, before being employed on the roads, should get some training in patching, oiling, inertia which made it difficult to turn the rising and other features. This will have two important spirit of patriotism into positive action. This fact advantages. First, it will insure skilled men in the cantoniering force. They will know what to do, how to do it and when to do it. Second, it will standardize road repair work according to the best engineering practise, and will knit together the or- times overlooks to what an extent it is dependent ganization as a whole. Reports can be made by the upon Europe as a market for its products. Time. cantoniers to the road department on uniform lines, however, will work great changes in this respect. so that tab can be kept on the entire system with especially when doings of the American army and comparative ease.

The cantonier system will be valuable in propor tion as it is operated by men with skill and energy It takes some knowledge of road-work to be a good cantonier. If the system is established and the as filled with unskilled laborers who have no parcular knowledge of their work, the result will give the system a black eye and the present board a black struggle with all possible vigor to a victorious coneye. Nobody wants to see such a result.

## A PRINCIPLE OF THE FREE PRESS.

Associate Justice Coke's concurring opinion in e the Maui News libel case, handed down yester y with the supreme court's unanimous decision, well worth reading. It is brief but very much o the point. Justice Coke holds:

"In concurring with the majority opinion (which government program as follows: stained the Murphy libel suit) I do so mindful atter contained in the pleadings in a civil action the army. natory, is privileged.

public policy, has recently been triumphantly of the higher police officers. sing such matters the press is not only within its Repoulis will be one of the two Venizelist members. Quite familiar with Germany, its life unity policy.

## HAWAITAN NEWS ABROAD.

telegraphic service to keep its hundreds of thounds of readers in touch with Hawailan business group in taking control of Greece, as follows: fairs. The Ledger, which specializes in commeral news, is building up a new service which will ventually cover every important section of the orld. In this Hawaii plays an important part. ach week the Ledger publishes from a column to and a half of Hawaiian news. The Ledger looking for constructive facts, not sensationalism, and its news from these islands will emphasize mat ers of growth and progress.

The American frontier today lies along the Aisne and Scarpe. It is there we must fight and defeat the enemy if we do not want the frontier moved to our own coast.-Chicago Post.

Being at war is pretty tough, but at any rate w on't have to read so much about Mexico or Harry w nowadays.-Charleston News and Courier.

A genuine food speculator seems to be as hard eatch as a German spy, and, incidentally, he is ust about as popular-Washington Herald.

Pershing has captured Paris. Now for Berlin!-Charleston News and Courier.

Prohibition should never reduce Hawaii's stock f ardent spirits.

## **EDITOR**

### RESULTS OF THE LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN.

(By Henry Clews, Financier)

The Liberty Loan proved a gratifying success, it A thorough-going cantonier system for Oahu being oversubscribed, fully one-half having been patriotism in the country. The cause of the hesiso isolated from European affairs, so wrapped up American government. On this point a good suggestion comes to the in our own interests, so free from injury or pain. human efforts were necessary to overcome the solid was clearly demonstrated by earlier enthusiasm displayed in the seaboard cities, which are naturally in closer touch with Europe and more sensitive to its movements than the interior; albeit the latter somenavy on the other side begin to awaken latent enthusiasm. President Wilson's eloquent Flag Day address was an effective appeal to American patriotism and self-interest that will have a wide and benecial effect. Within a few months the new spirit will have swept across the continent, welding the whole country together in its determination to push the citizens there were rudely if not bruclusion.

### GREECE'S NEW GOVERNMENT.

The Venizelists are back in the saddle in Greece. or rather, one should say, in the saddle instead of of peasants who write, "We are stary. merely on the horse's back trying to oust the king ing," or the words of prisoners who from his position.

Recent despatches from Athens outline the new

The plan adopted at Saloniki, between Venizelos bias. at in a government like ours, characterized by and Senator Jonnart of France, for the reunion of e institutions, the importance of a free press Greece, is roughly as follows: The cabinet is to be New York was not based upon any hould not be underestimated. While the case at reconstructed by the inclusion of Venizelists to prer deals solely with the publication of libelous side over the ministries of the interior, justice and

or to a hearing thereon, I deem it timely to draw The chief of police and officers, who after the ntion to what I understand to be a relaxation to events of December, 1916, were imprisoned and who me extent of the rule announced when the same on their release went to Saloniki-notably Maronapplied to criminal proceedings. For instance, a das, chief of the secret police, in a way a supporter ort of an arrest on information gained from of the Allied cause—will be reappointed to their ers on file, when such report does not assume the former posts. Some 400 Cretan gendarmes will form the bulk of the police force. A number of army officers of the Saloniki force are waiting at The principle of the free press, as a matter of Salamis to take over duties at Athens, akin to those

eld in the halls of Congress, when the press gug In cabinet council the government decided to was badly beaten. Justice Coke's concurring the Athens government and two of the provisional where this impression appears to be sion is of a broader interest than to the news government at Saloniki—to recommend methods for other individual equally fair, intelliper profession alone. It recognizes that fair and reorganizing unified Greece. An amnesty for poli-partial reports of criminal proceedings from the tical offenders; the representation of Greece abroad; set are valuable from the standpoint of public the inclusion of Venizelists in the Zaimis ministry sion is a part of paid publicity, which The public is entitled to such reports and the summoning of the chamber are among the the standing of the Honolulu woman, is entitled also to the knowledge that in pub matters which will be dealt with by the committee.

has but is acting from the standpoint of com- The new king is unwilling to take up the full du- and conditions there at the present ties of state till his position is assured. It seems in every respect the opposite of that clear that only by vote of the national assembly, given by the Honolulu woman. One which the chamber will convoke, can the king definitely be seated on the throne.

Hawali's growth in commercial importance is In the meantime the disposition to regard King of the hatred and bitterness shown asured largely by the increasing attention paid Constantine as a martyr is lessening, both in his the islands by the commercial journals on the own country and aboard. It is significant that the papers of all events in America which s pages of mainland newspapers. The Pub- most fearless newspaper writer in Germany, Max- can be used to injure the good name Ledger of Philadelphia has recently established milian Harden, has come out openly in declaration weekly correspondence service and is establishing that Constantine broke faith with the Allied Powers. Harden justifies the action of the Entente

"England, France and Russia stand firmly on their treaty rights. According to the eighth article of the treaty of 1830 they may if alone, even with out the consent of the Greek state, send troops to that territory. That they have done.

"The king, who against the recognizable will of the people, disobeyed the chamber, who dismissed the cabinet of Venizelos, notwithstanding its unshakable majority, who forced new elections while the army was mobilized, who evacuated Fort Ruppel to the Bulgarian enemy of the protecting powers this king was guilty of a breach of the treaties of protection, as by his actions Greek neutrality has been violated and the independence of Greece re-

The distance from London to the battlefront is less than that from Boston to Pittsfield, and less than three-fourths of that from Boston to Albany. This newspaper is of the opinion that if an army of the United States were fighting for the nation's continued existence at no greater distance from Boston than Augusta, Me., the response in Massachusetts to the nation's appeals for recruits and Liberty Bond subscriptions would be somewhat more enthusiastic than it has been up-to-date. Boston Traveler

timely interest by letters in this our national life. column, but neither assumes responsibility for the utterances of the writers nor necessarily indorses the the government. view they express. No attention will be paid to anonymous communications, but names of writers will be held confidential if such request is made, unless the tenor of the letters

tures of those wishing to voice them. Contributors to this column are requested to typewrite communications when possible, to use but one side of the sheet and to make their letters brief. The Star-Bulletin cannot undertake to publish long letters nor return unsolicited communications or manu-

### WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT GERMANY?

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: One of the sad things about the residence of Americans abroad is that so many of them, especially women, lose their national identity, and take up with the manners and traditions of the people they live among, even when these traditions are contrary to the spirit and principles of

In England and France such an attitude need not so much surprise us, at this time particularly, share simi-

But that any American could go to Germany and become so Germanized as to accept the German standpoint. seems incredible.

Yet it is often so In view of our participation in the world war, one wonders how an American woman can return to her native land with neither indignation nor resentment against Prussianism.

In a late issue of your paper a Honolulu woman says she does not care "speculate as to the outcome of statements, one might have a lively anticipation of German victory.

From the account of her personal relations with the authorities in Germany, we are led to believe that all our people there have been courteously treated. They were not. Even our official representatives received scant courtesy, and many of our private tally treated.

From this woman's statements we are led to believe that in Germany there is no lack of food. 'There is lots of fish." There is food enough to get along-food enough for two years yet. This does not tally with the reports of others who have returned from Germany, the letters of dozens certainly ought to know.

And to compare the "riots" in New York, where everything is in plenty. with riots in Germany where food is scarce, is to talk with a pronounced

Any American knows or ought to know, that the agitation by women in real need. It was like the suffragette riots, or labor agitations. We have had no riots. The garbled account of the disturbances published in Germany were published for effect in Ger-

The same has been done about our economic "scare," and the negro troubles. Either the writers of these reports were wilfully perverting the matter, or they were as densely ig-

After this "revelation" by a Honolulu woman on "German war conditions," one wonders what America has gone to war about anyhow!

Of course, each individual has right to the expression of his own personal impression of a country or a at variance with those of nearly every guarded, unless, indeed, their expresof course, makes impossible.

time, have returned to give an account of these, Mrs. Smithson of Philadelphia, tells of her experiences with officials in the large cities of Germany. towards Americans in general: of the studied misrepresentation by German and influence of our country.

She mentions specifically reports of the New York "riots." lynchings which have gone on here for 50 years, labor riots, socialistic and anarchistic disturbances (mossly German), anticonscription talk, the economic crusade, and so on.

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and these surface things affect us; what frank discussion upon subjects of mere ripples they are just now upon

And yet, in Germany they are made to appear as formidable opposition to

Never was there such unanimous and universal acquiescence as our people have shown and show in the President's war measures.

Even Canada is less willing to yield is such that the views in fairness to emergencies. It is really a marvei should be expressed over the signa that in a country like ours there should be such loval unanimity; but it is so, God be thanked! E. S. GOODHUE.

Honolulu, July 4, 1917.

## SOME AUTO RULES

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir: In a "home" paper from the states I find some new laws regarding the conduct of automobiles when on the roads, and if our supervisors should be contemplating the compilation of new auto laws (the ones we have now are jokes as far as obeying them is concerned), they could not do better than incorporate the following extracts from the aforemen-

tioned laws: Every autoist who fails to dim his leadlights when meeting another machine on a county road will be arrested and fined."

"Automobiles are prohibited from passing on curves." "Automobiles shall not 'coast' down

"Automobiles standing at night on well-lighted streets are not required to keep lights burning.

## WHOSE AUTO

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir: As a taxpayer in fact as well

as theory), I and a few others would like to know if the automobile designated "H. F. D. No. 2" was purchased for the use of the fire department or for the use of a private individual. the war." Accepting her previous Of course, we don't expect that the private individual will refrain from going right ahead burning up gaseline that boob taxpayers are putting up 201/2 cents a gallon for, but we would

just like to know, that's all. Also, has anybody seen that bill that was before the last legislature to put a stop to this sort of work?

### ABOUT MONTANA-BINGHAM

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: Your reporter, with best of intentions in mind, nevertheless made a few erfors in his writeup of my visit to the property of the Montana-Bingham company. Allow me to correct the main errors, for the week on the Manoa. benefit of the large number of local stockholders, The statement, ascribed to me, that the connecting tunnel would develop two and a half million tons of good concentrating ore, was really made by Walter Harvey Weed, author of the Copper Handbook, and one of the greatest copper engineers in America. Mr. Weed's estimate of tonnage is, of course, of very much greater importance than what I be-

In the last paragraph, having to do with assays of ore, the actual facts are these: I picked up in the Fortuna mine, owned by Montana Bingham company, the best specimens of copper ore I could find in the face of the upraise now being developed. marked this sample No. 1. I then se lected a sample of what seemed to me to be medium grade, I labeled this No.

norant of American affairs as Ger. 2. I then selected a piece of porphyry rock from alongside the country rock, which is the point where a mine really begins, and I labeled this No. 3. I had the assays made by the George A. James company of San Francisco, and they resulted as follows: No. 1 assayed 46.2 copper; No. 2 was as sayed for gold, silver and copper, with this result: Gold 82 cents, silver 28 cents, copper 38.2 per cent. No. 3 ran-1.6 copper, and represents the worst material I could find in the mine Thank you for the space.

C. G. BOCKUS.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

WITTER BYNNER, mainland poet: I certainly had some time on the Big Island as you can readily see from the coat of tan I acquired.

-JAMES A RATH: The children of the Fresh Air camp are especially thankful to Fourth of July visitors for the refreshments they brought out from town.

-D. L. CONKLING, city treasurer: When the last municipal administration came into office two and one half years ago there was \$115,432,56 in the treasury. When the new administration took control last Monday there was \$481,712.75 in the treasury, an increase of \$366,280.19.

-JAMES BICKNELL, auditor: Al the time I have been in office I have never seen the Democrats so much in power. They now control the fed-Only an American knows how little | eral and territorial offices and they

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have more than a foothold in the mu partment hospital recently, is recover nicipal government. The majority of ing nicely. JAMES WAKEFIELD, who has been the board of supervisors is now pracon a business trip to the mainland,

tically our only stronghold. -CAPT. G. K. LARRISON, 1st Com- going to the east coast, will return pany, C. A. C.: Hereafter members next week. of the 1st Company who are absent from drill without permission will be on the Maui yesterday afternoon for subject to a stiff fine.

### PERSONALITIES

MR. AND MRS. L. A. THURSTON are booked as passengers to arrive on the Manoa. MISS PEARL COX of the Y. W. C.

vacation in Hauula. W. W. CHAMBERLAIN is registered as an incoming passenger next service schools, but as these have

Hilo, to take a trip to Kilauea volcano. They will return on the steamer Sunday morning. MISS C. C. VARNEY, bookkeeper

MR. AND MRS. E. D. TENNEY left

and librarian of the Hawaiian board in Mission Memorial hall, expects to leave Honolulu for a six weeks' vacation in the near future. WILLIAM E. REDMON, army field

A. is leaving Honolulu this week for a clerk, sailed today on the transport vacation in Hauula. dered to report for study in the army since been closed it is not definitely MISS HAZEL LENAN, who was known just operated on for appendicitis at the de- will be.

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